Bray Preschool

Bray Village Hall, Old Mill Lane, Bray, Berkshire, SL6 2BG



Inspection date	7 December 2017
Previous inspection date	15 May 2015

The quality and standards of the	This inspection:	Good	2
early years provision	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and v	welfare	Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Partnerships with parents are good. Staff involve parents in their children's care and learning effectively. Children make good progress and parents confirm they are happy with the progress their children make.
- Children thoroughly enjoy their time at pre-school. They settle quickly, form strong attachments with staff and show a strong sense of belonging.
- Children behave very well. They are respectful to their friends and learn to manage their own minor disputes. Staff praise children's achievements and help boost their selfesteem and emotional well-being.
- Staff provide good opportunities for children to develop their mathematical skills. For example, children group objects by colour and size. They develop a growing understanding of numbers, weights and measurements as they engage in play.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Leaders do not focus on monitoring staff performance closely enough to raise the good quality of teaching to the highest level.
- Staff do not consistently provide opportunities for children to follow their own interests and share their own views.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- place a sharper focus on monitoring staff performance to raise the good quality of teaching to an even higher level
- increase opportunities for children to follow their own interests and share their own views.

Inspection activities

- The inspector took into account the views of parents spoken to on the day.
- The inspector observed the quality of teaching and the impact on children's learning.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager, children and staff at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at various documents, including policies and procedures, risk assessments, staff training records, records for children and evidence of the suitability of staff.

Inspector

Jane Franks

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Leaders ensure that staff and committee members undergo the required checks. Rigorous recruitment procedures help ensure that all staff are suitable to work with children. Staff have a good understanding of safeguarding and child protection procedures. They know the procedures to follow if they have any concerns about a child's welfare. Leaders regularly review a wide range of policies and procedures to help support safe practice. For instance, staff complete robust risk assessments indoors and outdoors and minimise potential hazards. The manager and staff seek the views of parents and reflect on the provision to help identify areas to improve. After recent training, staff now provide further resources and learning opportunities to help support children's mathematical development.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff assess and monitor children's development effectively. They quickly identify any areas where children are doing well or where they need more support. They use any additional funding effectively to help children catch up. Overall, staff support children's communication and language development well. They model words clearly and talk to the children about what they are doing. Children delight in singing different songs and enjoy the extracurricular singing sessions. Staff plan a range of sensory experiences that children enjoy. For example, they engage children in craft activities and encourage them to explore the texture of glitter and ice.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff encourage children to develop confidence in their physical abilities. For example, children are keen to build and construct. They show persistence and transport bricks across the outdoor play area. Children learn to manage small risks, for example, they skilfully use balancing equipment and negotiate their way over small apparatus. Staff provide a range of healthy snacks and teach children the importance of good hygiene. Staff and children celebrate their individuality, such as during the use of home languages. Children learn to respect others' differences. Children learn to explore diversity through daily activities. For example, they discuss the differences and similarities in animals.

Outcomes for children are good

Children develop the skills they need in readiness for school. They follow instructions and play cooperatively. Children engage well in imaginary play. They take on roles, such as ironing and feeding babies. Children learn to write their names and link letters to the sounds they represent. Children develop good early reading skills to support their future learning. For example, they confidently recognise letters and simple words as they enjoy looking at books. All children, including those who are learning English as an additional language, make good progress.

Setting details

Unique reference number 108449

Local authority Windsor & Maidenhead

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Type of provision Sessional provision

Day care typeChildcare - Non-Domestic

Registers Early Years Register

Age range of children 2 - 5 **Total number of places** 26

Number of children on roll 30

Name of registered person

Bray Pre-school Committee

Registered person unique RP908402

reference number

Date of previous inspection 15 May 2015

Telephone number 07518420436

Bray Preschool registered in 1992. The pre-school is run by a parent committee. The pre-school is open term time only, each weekday from 9am to 3pm. The pre-school is in receipt of funding to provide free early education for children aged two, three and four years. The pre-school employs six staff. The manager and staff hold appropriate early years qualifications from level 2 to level 6.

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